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For: ROTARY STIRRING DEVICE FOR TREATING MOLTEN METAL

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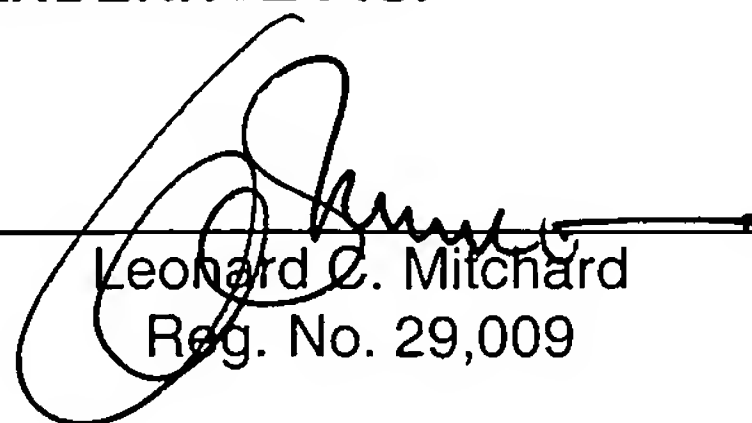
A Fourth Status Inquiry was filed on August 30, 2007 requesting the Official Filing Receipt in the above-identified application.

Applicants received the attached response from the Patent Office dated January 10, 2007 in reply to our Second Status Inquiry filed December 12, 2006, requesting status of the U.S. National Stage Application filed June 21, 2005. The response dated January 10, 2007 indicates that a request was forwarded to a manager in DO/EO/US to expedite the processing of the above-identified application. However, since then applicant still has not received any communication from the Patent Office regarding our request. A **fifth** inquiry is made as to when the Official Filing Receipt will be forthcoming. Attention to this matter is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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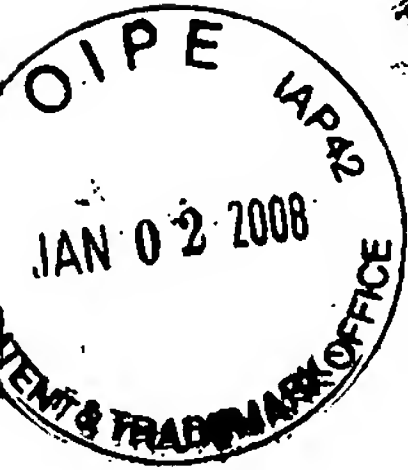
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Dear Mr. Mitchard:

This is in response to your communication received 12 December 2006 requesting status of the U.S. national stage application 10/540,152 filed June 21, 2005. As of date, the U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) presently has a backlog in processing Notification of Missing Requirements and Filing Receipts for all filed U.S. national stage applications.

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